GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to promote Indian culture in the country;

(b) whether the Government has provided any assistance to organise Rashtriya Ramayan Mela in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Mela to VishwaRamayan Mela; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FORCULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) Ministry of Culture operates a number of Schemes for promotion of Indian culture. The details of Schemes are at Annex.

(b) & (c) The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur with the objectives to preserve, promote and disseminate the traditional folk and tribal arts and culture of all the States/ Union Territories. The State of Madhya Pradesh is the member State of both North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Allahabad and South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur.

NCZCC and SCZCC participate/ provide assistance in Melas on the requests of Organizers/ Local/ State Government concerned. Since, no request has been received either from the Organizers or from the Government of Madhya Pradesh (Local or State), therefore they have not participated in Ramayan Mela in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Organizing of fair is a State subject.

(e) Does not arise.